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2020 CERTIFICATION

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

City of Itta Bena

Public Water System Name

0420002

List PWS ID #s for all Community Water Systems included in this CCR

The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires each Community Public Water System (PWS) to develop and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to its customers each year. Depending on the population served by the PWS, this CCR must be mailed or delivered to the customers, published in a newspaper of local circulation, or provided to the customers upon request. Make sure you follow the proper procedures when distributing the CCR.

CCR DISTRIBUTION (Check all boxes that apply.)

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the CCR has been distributed to the customers of this public water system in the form and manner identified above and that I used distribution methods allowed by the SDWA. I further certify that the information included in this CCR is true and correct and is consistent with the water quality monitoring data provided to the PWS officials by the MSDH, Bureau of Public Water Supply.

Dolma Beverly
Name

City Clerk
Title

06/07/21
Date

SUBMISSION OPTIONS (Select one method ONLY)

You must email, fax (not preferred), or mail a copy of the CCR and Certification to the MSDH.

Mail: (U.S. Postal Service)

Email: water.reports@msdh.ms.gov

MSDH, Bureau of Public Water Supply

Fax: (601) 576-7800

P.O. Box 1700

(NOT PREFERRED)

Jackson, MS 39215

CCR DEADLINE TO MSDH & CUSTOMERS: BY JULY 1, 2021

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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
City of Itta Bena
PWS ID # 0420002
June 2021

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source consists of 2 wells that draw from the Meridian Upper and Upper Wilcox Aquifers.

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We're pleased to report that our drinking water meets all federal and state requirements.

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TEST RESULTS								
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples Exceeding MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants								
10. Barium	N	2019*	0.0119	No Range	Ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2019*	0.6	No Range	Ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	1/1/16 to 12/31/18*	0.5	None	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
16. Fluoride	N	2019*	0.247	No Range	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
17. Lead	N	1/1/16 to 12/31/18*	1.0	None	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Disinfectants & Disinfectant By-Products								
Chlorine (as Cl ₂)	N	2020	0.60	0.52 to 0.71	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
73. TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	2020	13.8	No Range	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5	N	2020	8.0	No Range	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination

* Most recent sample results available

Monitoring and Reporting of Compliance Data Violations:

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Please call our office if you have any questions.

comingup

Thursday June 10

Grace for the Journey Support Groups at Lucas Benedictus Retreat Center will meet. The caregivers group will meet at 10 a.m., and the life's struggles group, which includes addictions, depression, anxiety, divorce, etc., will meet at 6 p.m. *Where:* At the retreat center, 1407 Levee Road. *Details:* The caregivers group meets at 10 a.m. every Thursday, and the life's struggles group meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday. For more information, call 299-1232.

Leflore County MSU Extension Service Office will hold Quick Bites program "Happy Healthy Kitchen Hacks." *When:* Noon. *Where:* Leflore County MSU Extension Service Office, 309 W. Market St., Greenwood. *Details:* The speaker will be Samantha Willcutt, regional registered dietitian at the Office of Nutrition Education, Willcutt will provide tips on preparing quick, easy, nutritious and delicious meals. To view on Zoom, register at msuextension.org/zoom/2021-06-10. To register to attend, call 453-6803.

Saturday June 12

Downtown Greenwood Farmers Market will be open. *When:* 8 a.m.-noon. *Where:* Rail Spike Park Pavilion, on the corner of Main and Johnson streets.

Monday June 14

The Greenwood Community and Recreation Center will hold its orientation for the participants of the Youth Sports and Empowerment Initiative Project. *When:* 5:30 p.m. *Where:* At the center, 600 Elm St. *Details:* All participants and their parents are asked to attend. Boys and girls ages 10-15 can sign up, and slots are limited. For more information, call 299-5193.

Tuesday June 15

Grace for the Journey Support Groups at Lucas Benedictus Retreat Center will meet. The grief group and the men's group will meet. *When:* 6 p.m. *Where:* At the retreat center, 1407 Levee Road. *Details:* The grief and men's groups meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. For more information, call 299-1232.

Saturday June 19

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Black Hawk School Singing will be held. *When:* 6-9 p.m. *Where:* Black Hawk School House. *Details:* Country music singer Dusty Welch will perform. Black Hawk Homemakers Club will provide the concessions.

Monday June 21

Our House Inc. holds an online support group, Safe Online Space (SOS) for Healing Conversations, on the third Monday of each month. *When:* 6-7 p.m. *Where:* www.ourhouseinc.org/online-space. *Details:* SOS for Healing Conversations is an anonymous and secure online support group for survivors of sexual violence in the Mississippi Delta to connect with each other and get help. The topic of discussion will be "Countering Shame and Blame: It's Not Your Fault."

Thursday June 24

Leflore County MSU Extension Service Office will hold Quick Bites program "Home Canning 101." *When:* Noon. *Where:* Leflore County MSU Extension Service Office, 309 W. Market St., Greenwood. *Details:* Fran Brock, Oktibbeha County MSU Extension agent, will teach the basics of home canning and food safety. To view on Zoom, register at msuextension.org/zoom/2021-06-24. To register to attend, call 453-6803.

Saturday June 26

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► **Calendar items for Coming Up are welcomed.** They should be submitted in writing at least 48 hours before the event. Mail items to the Greenwood Commonwealth, P.O. Box 8050, Greenwood, MS 38933; fax to 453-2908; bring by our office at 329 U.S. 82 West, submit online at www.greenwoodcommonwealth.com or email to calendar@greenwoodcommonwealth.com.

BOOK REVIEW

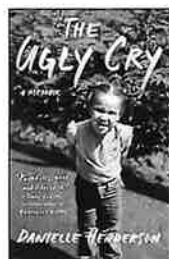
'The Ugly Cry' is a powerful, energetic memoir

By MOLLY SPRAYREEN
Associated Press

"The Ugly Cry," Danielle Henderson (Viking)

"The Ugly Cry," Danielle Henderson's powerful and energetic memoir, chronicles her childhood growing up in her quirky grandmother's house.

Henderson was abandoned at age 10 by her mother, who ran off with her abusive boyfriend and their newborn baby. And so, Henderson and her brother find themselves being raised by their blunt and sassy grandmother, a woman filled with brash advice and tough love. At the same time, she is also Henderson's fiercest advocate, a devoted and constant pres-



ence in her otherwise chaotic world.

Equal parts hilarious and heartbreaking, the memoir details Henderson's quest to

figure out who she is in the face of the difficult hand life has dealt her.

It takes a lot of talent to strike an artful balance between such funny stories and the solemn, traumatic moments in Henderson's life. She finds this balance expertly, taking readers along on her rollercoaster ride of emotions. Her deeply honest, writing is crisp, engaging and full of life as it examines the complexity of identity, family, childhood and independence.

Through it all, the deep love Henderson feels for her grandmother never stops shining through. This book, above all else, is an homage to the woman who dropped everything to be there for two kids who had no one else.

Georgia O'Keeffe Museum plans expansion project at new site

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)—Officials at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe have announced plans to build a facility large enough to fill an entire city block.

The new 54,000-square-foot museum will be built on the site of a former Safeway grocery store, which is currently occupied by the museum's Education Center and Prima Title. The Santa Fe New Mexican reported it is estimated to cost \$60 million.

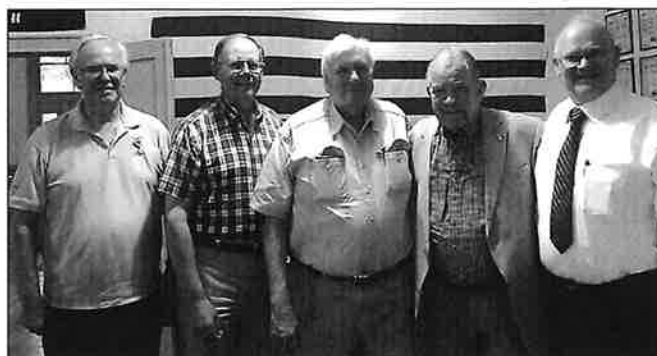
Museum officials are expected to announce the plan publicly this week at an online news-

board notification meeting required by the city for certain construction projects. The expansion project has been in the works since the museum opened in 1997, but the expansion evolved into relocation in recent years.

Museum Director Cody Hartley said the existing museum will become an annex, but officials could later decide to not use the current building.

"The organization has grown and grown and grown, and our facility has not kept up," Hartley said. "This future building will sustain us for years."

Post 29 holds June meeting



Keesler-Hamrick-Gillespie American Legion Post 29 recently held its June meeting. Those attending enjoyed a program on "The U.S. Revolutionary War," which was presented by Legonair Seefeld. From left are Legonair Seefeld, Bob Morgan, Dr. Ed Meek, Dr. George Smith and Rob Spiller.

COVID prolonged foster care stays for thousands

SEATTLE (AP) — Leroy Pascubillo missed his daughter's first step, her first word and countless other milestones. After being born addicted to heroin, she'd been placed with a foster family, and he counted the days between their visits as he tried to regain custody. But because of the pandemic, the visits dwindled and went virtual, and all he could do was watch his daughter — too young to engage via computer — try to crawl through the screen.

They're among thousands of families nationwide whose reunifications have been snarled in the foster care system as courts delayed cases, went virtual or temporarily shut down, according to an Associated Press analysis of child welfare data from 34 states.

The decrease in children leaving foster care means families are lingering longer in a system intended to be temporary, as critical services were shuttered or limited. Vulnerable families are suffering long-term and perhaps irreversible damage, experts say, which could leave parents with weakened bonds with their children.

The AP's analysis found at least 8,700 fewer reunifications during the early months of the pandemic compared with the year before — a decrease of 16%. Adoptions, too, dropped — by 23%. Overall, at least 22,600 fewer children left foster care compared with 2019.

"Everybody needed extra help, and nobody was getting extra help," said Sharon Powell, a Parents for Parents advocacy program coordinator in King County, Washington.

For months, King County, like many parts of the country, suspended nearly all hearings except emergency orders, which led to prioritizing child removals over family reunifica-



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During the period examined in AP's analysis, the total foster care population dropped 25% overall — likely a result of the significant decrease in child abuse and neglect reports, where the process to remove a child from a home typically begins.

Those in foster care are disproportionately children of color and from poor families, national data show. Those groups tend to have more contact with social service agencies that are mandated to report potential abuse and neglect, which means the pandemic has amplified not just the challenges of poor parenting but of parenting while poor.

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13. Fluoride	13	mg/L	10/17	Not Range	Yes	4	4	Exceeds MCL	Exceeds MCLG	Exceeds MCLG
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Organic & Disinfection By-Products										
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